

WELCOME TO

COLUMBUS SOUTH BRIDGES

PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING

November 9, 2021, River's Edge Convention Center, 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE

The purpose of today's meeting is to present the preliminary preferred alternative of the proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) bridges over the Loup River.

Identified as *Columbus South Bridges*, the proposed project would improve the Columbus Loup River Bridges at mile marker (MM) 377.73 and the underpass at MM 377.87 at the southern edge of Columbus in Platte County. Construction may begin and/or end ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement and roadway lighting.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the condition of the existing bridges.

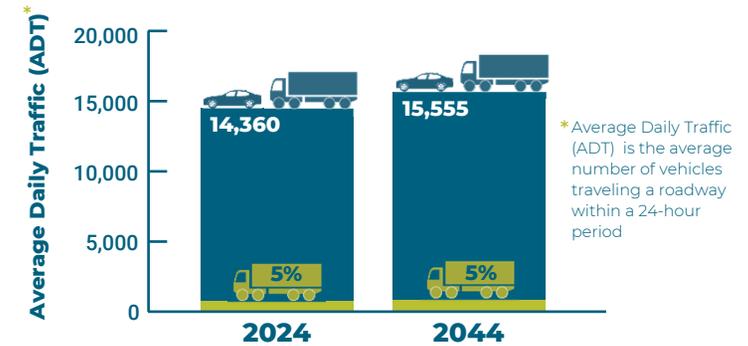
SCOPE OF WORK

The planned construction would consist of removing and replacing the existing southbound truss bridge (S030 37773L) over the Loup River. The northbound bridge (S030 37773R) over the Loup River would receive deck repairs. Additional work would include improvements to the underpass (S030 37787) located north of the north abutment of the Loup River Bridges, replacing roadway lighting, reconstruction of pavement and driveways on US-30, and grading. Existing utilities would be reconstructed or relocated as needed.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction could begin as early as fall of 2024 and be completed by winter of 2026.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON US-30



ACCOMODATION OF TRAFFIC

The proposed project would be completed under traffic with lane closures controlled with appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The Columbus Loup River Bridge (S030 37773L) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Pawnee Park, Pawnee Park Trail, and Loup River 'Valley Trail' are located in the vicinity of the project. Impacts are being considered, and comments related to the historic bridge and publicly owned recreation properties (Section 4(f)) will be taken at this meeting. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated, as necessary.

ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$15 million and would derive from federal and state funding sources.

PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE – CONSTRUCT NEW BRIDGE ON EXISTING ALIGNMENT



Comments will be collected through **November 24, 2021**



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